

Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to inform you of the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection and have enclosed a copy of the report, grading the school **GOOD in all areas**. The inspectors recognised the “good and improving” quality of teaching at New Park and noted that outcomes for children in the SATs tests more than doubled and are now above national averages. This improvement in standards across the school has national significance, **very few schools are able to show such rapid progress** and we are determined to maintain these high standards for all our children.

The inspection team agreed that behaviour is good and found that **“this is a happy school with much joy and kindness”**. They noted that children “thrive” at New Park and that lessons are characterised by “strong and positive relationships”. The children that the inspectors spoke to did a great job sharing their experiences of New Park. They spoke passionately about the Novel Study curriculum and our History Day in the Summer term. Our focus on reading has paid off, with children able to show-off their fluency and comprehension skills. Thank you for the hard work you put in, reading with your children each and every day. Reading is at the heart of all we do at New Park and one child summed it up perfectly: “You feel like you are in the book!”

We are very proud of our Early Years provision at New Park and the inspection team noted the significant investment in the outdoor provision. They found that our transition arrangements are “highly effective”, “activities are varied and appealing” and that “children make good progress”. We are holding our **open days next Wednesday 10th and Saturday 13th October**. Please spread the good news about New Park and encourage friends to visit and see what we have to offer.

I am immensely proud of the staff team at New Park. They have embraced the changes we put in place last year and have proven themselves a highly skilled, dedicated and caring group of professionals. The report highlights that staff **“deal extremely well with difficult issues encountered by pupils”**. We are proud of the levels of nurture and care that we offer at New Park.

The efforts of the Interim Academy Board and the CEO of Northern Star Academies Trust, Jenn Plews, cannot be underestimated. It is thanks to their support that we have managed to rapidly improve the quality of education at New Park and also embark on an ambitious renovation programme for the school building, starting with Nursery and Reception last year and continuing with the imminent roof and window replacements across the site.

Of course the job is never finished and there are many exciting projects we are embarking on this year. I am confident that we will never be a school that sits on its laurels, we will continually strive to be the best in all that we do, for all of our children.

Thank you for being part of the New Park family,

Mr Mold